



# Fire and Iron Station 141 9/11 Ride to Remember

## Sponsorship Proposal

Benefiting the Professional Firefighters of Wisconsin  
Charities Foundation "Burn Camp" for injured youth



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### **The Organization**

Fire and Iron Station 141 NE Wisconsin, is a group of Firefighters and other people associated with the fire service that love to ride motorcycles and experience life. The club prides itself in its effort to support various organizations. Each member of Fire and Iron is either active or retired full-time, paid-on-call, or volunteer member of the fire service community. In Addition to firefighters we welcome dispatchers, inspectors, and mechanics who share a passion for not only protecting the lives of citizens of their community, but also for the open road. Fire and Iron is a 501(c)3, with members from Brown, Door, Kewaunee, Outagamie, Oconto, Marinette and Portage counties.

[www.fireandiron141.com](http://www.fireandiron141.com)

### **The Need**

Fire and Iron Station 141 NE Wisconsin, actively supports The Professional Firefighters of Wisconsin Charities Foundation (PFFWCF) summer camp for burned injured youth.

The (PFFWCF) camp is a statewide effort to provide a camping experience for youth 7-17 years of age who have endured significant burn injuries.

The purpose of the camp is to provide for the unique needs of burned injured youths, while they are having fun, making friends, sharing feelings and developing self-esteem. The PFFWCF offers this camp to promote coping and life beyond the burn injury for these children from Northeast Wisconsin and Upper Michigan.

Money raised by Fire and Iron 141 is used for scholarships to the camp. In addition, monies help provide transportation for NE Wisconsin and Upper Michigan children with specific needs to and from the camp.

### **The Event**

The North East Wisconsin Chapter of Fire and Iron holds an Annual "Fire and Iron Ride to Remember" fundraising event. We are proud to say that the 2018 event will be our 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ride and is scheduled to take place on September 8, 2018 beginning at the City of Kaukauna Fire Department. The event serves as an annual ceremony and tribute to those touched by 9/11. Proceeds from the ride and post-ride event will allow these children to attend the camp with no financial burden on their families. Money that is donated will be utilized to help with operating expenses, specifically; license and permits, printing and reproduction, liability Insurance, equipment rental, postage, etc.

Some of the children and their families participate in the event. The event is open to the public and has a post-ride celebration held at JJ Maloney's in Kaukauna, WI. The event is open to the non-riding community as well.



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### Community Profile

#### **Fire and Iron Station**

In addition to our investment in public safety, Fire and Iron Station 141 and its members devote time, talent and financial resources to human service institutions and campaigns in our community.

Donations and volunteer support for organizations such as Golden House, Jerry Parins' Cruise for Cancer, PFFWCF Summer Burn Camp, Special Spaces of Green Bay and other organizations are routine from Fire and Iron Station 141 members throughout our counties footprint.

**As one of the Nations Charter Stations, Station 141 and its members are committed to enhancing the human capital and civic infrastructure that makes life worth living.**

### Human Service

Fire and Iron Ride to Remember  
Jerry Parins' Cruise for Cancer Foundations  
Vietnam Veterans Ride  
Salvation Army  
Special Spaces of Green Bay

### Cultural

Downtown Green Bay Inc.

### Health

Muscular Dystrophy Association



Fire and Iron Station 141 is socially responsible and involved in our community. In 2008 named "Supporter of the Year" by the Wisconsin Alliance for Fire Safety; a decorated club supported by the number one people in the community.



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### Testimonials

#### Volunteer Mother Proud of What This Camp Can Do For the Children

“For the Jeff Jordan Family, Fire and Iron has been so much more than just a source of monetary donation to PFFWCF/Burn Camp. The members of Fire and Iron have taken an intimate personal place in the hearts and lives of my family as well as many other campers. They are nothing short of amazing!

If an outsider were to think about what they think the campers feel about the motorcycles.....it might just seem like a bunch of motorcycles they get to see once a year but really it is a bunch of *motorcyclists* with no set obligation to these kids that insist on setting aside time out of their own busy lives to make sure they don't let these kids down and that maybe they would never otherwise get to see a Harley up close or ride on the back or in a side car of a cycle. These people never miss a visit to camp and they never stop trying to make their next fund raiser even bigger and better than the one before so that they can "feel the burn" in their hearts as they soak up the screams of pleasure expelled by these kids.....and they don't even see or hear it all! They not only ride in on an evening of camp in numbers greater than 200, but they also return every Thursday of camp to personally present their donation check to the camp and receive their friendship bracelets from all the kids.....seems like a simple gesture on both sides....but not so.

Most of these kids endure a lot of pain and unpleasantness throughout the years after being burned...many appointments, surgeries and therapies. Some of these kids also have very little consistency in their lives at home and have learned that they can not always rely on anything they might be told.....but they never come to burn camp thinking that they will experience pain or unpleasantness or that something on the schedule won't happen as planned because they know that the people are so deeply committed and they never say NO. This concept is so foreign for so many of them but after a few summers they begin to realize that there are places and people that stand by what they say they will do and there might be a time in their lives when they won't be disappointed ..... almost daily. It takes a huge commitment from our volunteers to really in-grain this into some of the kids.....it takes repetition and consistency that only happens when people can be really relied upon.....and this message and feeling carries these kids through some really tough times until they all meet up again next year for their next yearly dose of love and commitment.



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For Myself (Mom) and my son Jeff (17 year burn survivor who also happens to be 17 years old), our truly personal relationship with Fire and Iron began about 3 years ago. Jeff knew many of the club members as he had attended camp every year since he was 6 years old but I was a new camp volunteer 3 years ago....Jeff took me around and wanted me to meet them all....but this was a time for me when I might of still been of the belief that that much ink and black leather in one room might have made me a bit nervous!!! But Jeff was certain that I would feel differently after I met them all.....and he was soooooo right!!!

Today we are found on the back of their cycles, at their kickball games, picnics, tree burns, in their homes and any where else they invite us. We have never been made to feel any less than one of the gang with every effort to know us personally, include us, spoil us and make us a part of their family. They text and email myself or Jeff before every surgery to give us a little boost and let us know that we are never alone in that surgery suite and that they ALL stand ever ready to help or assist in anything we might need. Many of these badly disfigured kids don't have a large group of friends but believe me.....Fire and Iron is a really large group of friends and they are passionate about helping these kids and making their lives better and more pleasurable. Jeff always gets a little smirk on his face whenever he gets an email or text from "one of his biker buddies".....it's like a little unexpected slice of happiness and warmth when he least expects it..... and his response is always the same....."this is mine and this is sweet".

There is not enough good to say about this group and the impact that they have on a group of kids that may be small in number.....but large in disappointments and pain. All their bad gets so much better when diluted by the numbers of amazing members of Fire and Iron!!

Thank you for all you do,

Tina and Jeff Jordan and Family



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